

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
Iain Smyth

For: A Case

Docket No. 1570.3043.001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Please amend the above-identified application as follows prior to considering the application on the merits.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-18 (cancelled).

Claim 19 (new). A blank for use in the manufacture of a case, the blank comprising:

- a first panel connected to a second panel;
- a third panel connected to the second panel such that the third panel can be folded over the second panel to form a protected region;
- a carriage panel connected to a pocket panel such that the pocket panel can be folded over the carriage panel to form a pocket; and
- an intermediate panel connected to the carriage panel, and wherein the intermediate panel joins the first panel along a boundary that is at right angles to the connections between the first and second panels.

Claim 20 (new). A blank as claimed in claim 19, wherein the blank further comprises a flap connected to the first panel on a side opposite the intermediate panel.